

**Durham Environmental Affairs Board**  
**Tuesday, May 23, 2000, 6:00 PM**  
**Durham City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Committee Room**

**Meeting Notes**

Chairman, Joseph Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Members in attendance were Jerad Bales, Jim Conner, Ed Harrison, Steve Hiltner, Joseph Jackson, David Kirkpatrick, Brian Morton, and Dock Terrell. Staff members in attendance were George Carter, Guillo Rodriguez, Terry Rolan, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler. Members with an excused absence were Hunter Bacot, and Marion Johnson-Thompson.

**Meeting Notes:** The draft of the April 25, 2000 meeting notes was approved as presented. Jim Conner moved and David Kirkpatrick seconded the approval.

**Vegetation Management:** Joe Jackson said he had talked with Johnny Ford, Parks and Recreation Director, about vegetation management along streams in City parks. Johnny stated, that although the Parks and Recreation Department was responsible for this in the past, Facilities Management and Property Care Department now handled the task.

**Parks and Recreation Masterplan:** Guillo Rodriguez from the Parks and Recreation Department presented an overview of park standards. The four levels of service discussed were regional, community, neighborhood, and miniparks. Three new parks are being planned for the near future depending on availability of funding. Impact fee adjustments need to be addressed in order to provide for the growing population. Some of the concerns Board members expressed related to accessibility/proximity, equitable distribution, regional ties to trails and greenways, and size as it pertains to park atmosphere. A full presentation will be given after the Parks and Recreation Masterplan is adopted by City Council.

**Fluoridation of Drinking Water:** George Carter, Superintendent of Water Supply and Treatment gave a powerpoint presentation on fluoridation in Durham. In 1962 fluoridation of the water supply was approved by City Council in conjunction with the Dental and Medical Societies and the Public Health Department. The fluoride treatment of the water (.10 mg/l) is monitored and analyzed on a daily basis. Original studies indicated adding fluorides to drinking water had positive effects with respect to dental caries in children. Joe will respond to the interested party stating fluoride in the water is being handled responsibly and for them to contact the Environmental Resources Department if they have any further questions.

**City of Durham Solid Waste Management Plan Update:** Terry Rolan said the City Council approved the Solid Waste Management Plan Update at their May 10, 2000 meeting. He also stated the State Solid Waste Management Plan will need to be approved by June 30 but that comments were still being accepted.

**Next Meeting:** Terry Rolan said he would like to discuss the Bull Dirt program possibly at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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